THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Civil aircraft are properly checked by the operators before taking off as per the guidelines prescribed by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). Officers of DGCA also carry out spot/ surveillance checks to ensure compliance of maintenance requirements of DGCA and those of the manufacturer.

(b) and (c) There were seven tyre brust incidents during the last 6 months. Out of these, three incidents each involved aircraft of Air India and Indian Airlines while one incident involved aircraft of Alliance Air. The investigations did not reveal any human negligence.

(d) With a view to ensuring proper maintenance and safety DGCA has mandated that all aircraft including private aircraft shall be maintained by approved Aircraft Maintenance Organisations. The aircraft are required to be subjected to checks by maintenance personnel of the operator followed by pre-flight inspection by the pilot prior to each flight. The quality system established by the operator and surveillance of the same by DGCA ensures proper maintenance. The condition of the tyres are also checked prior to each flight by Maintenance Engineer and the pilot.

Expenditure on Commercial Pilot Licence

91. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total expenditure that Government will incur on each student who wishes to acquire commercial pilot licence in India;

(b) the details of institutions, both in public and private sector, that are providing commercial pilot licence course in the country, State-wise;

(c) what is the approximate expenditure that a student has to shell out to get commercial pilot licence in any private institution;

(d) whether there is any control of Government on private institutions about fee structure and fulfilling the mandatory flying requirement of 200 to 250 hours; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Government does not incur any expenditure directly on a student desirous of obtaining Commercial Pilot Licence (CPL)

in India. However, the training at Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi (IGRUA) is subsidised by way of Grants from Government and national carriers.

(b) As of now 17 institutes are actively engaged in training for CPL. The State-wise break up of these institutes is Andhra Pradesh-3, Gujarat-2, Maharashtra-1, Bihar-1, Haryana-3, Madhya Pradesh-1, Karnataka-2, Uttar Pradesh-3, Pondicherry-1.

(c) Flying Training Institutes under the Private category are charging approximately Rs. 15.00 Lakhs from a trainee pilot for issue of a Commercial Pilot Licence. However, charges are higher to the tune of approximately Rs. 18.50 Lakhs with Multi Engine rating.

(d) and (e) No, Sir, However, the Government ensures compliance of all requirements stipulated in the Indian Aircraft Rules, 1937 prior to issue of Commercial Pilot Licence.

Action against vanishing companies

†92. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government are contemplating to make stringent provisions in the new company law against those fake companies which disappear after making loss of crores of rupees to investors;

(b) if so, the details thereof as on date;

(c) the latest status of this proposal; and

(d) by when these amendments are likely to be carried out?

THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA): (a) to (d) The Ministry has taken up an exercise for comprehensive revision of the Companies Act, 1956 by drawing up a new Companies Bill. The proposals for revision include, *inter alia*, detailed disclosure requirements and identification in respect of promoters and directors of companies at the time of incorporation, along with stringent penalties in respect of such promoters/directors of companies who disappear after raising funds from the public. The proposal Bill is under preparation in consultation with legal experts and will be introduced in the Parliament once finalized.

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